

Schedule 16 to the Minutes of the
Council Meeting for Public
Hearings held on Monday,
November 18, 2013.

Guzzi, Brian

From: Guzzi, Brian
Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2013 17:44
To: 'Bell, Yvonne [HSSBC]'
Cc: Jansson, Michelle
Subject: RZ 10-528877 - SmartCentres Rezoning Application - Correspondence

To Public Hearing
Date: November 18, 2013
Item #: 7
Re: RZ 10-528877
4660-4740 Garden City Road
9040-9500 Alexandra Road

Yvonne Bell,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the City of Richmond rezoning application RZ 10-528877 by First Richmond North Shopping Centres Ltd. (also known as SmartCentres) for properties located at 4660 to 4740 Garden City Road and 9040 to 9500. This rezoning application also includes a proposed Walmart Store.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to Mayor and Councillors, will be kept on file and included in any subsequent staff reporting to Planning Committee and/or Council regarding this rezoning application.

Thanks again for taking the time to provide your comments.

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From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Monday, 07 October 2013 15:19
To: 'Bell, Yvonne [HSSBC]'
Subject: RE: Proposed Walmart at Garden City and Alderbridge Way

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of October 4, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for response. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

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From: Bell, Yvonne [HSSBC] [<mailto:Yvonne.Bell@hssbc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, 04 October 2013 6:47 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Proposed Walmart at Garden City and Alderbridge Way

There are many reasons why I do not think Wal-Mart should be allowed to build a mall at Garden City and Alderbridge Way. Here are five: 1) There are already malls in this area. Kitty corner to the proposed Wal-Mart is Lansdowne mall with a Target, Homesense, Winners, The Source, banks, etc. Then a long #3 Road you have Great Canadian Superstore, Aberdeen Centre, Yaohan Centre, Canadian Tire, Price Smart, London Drugs and then Richmond Centre. All of these are within one or two kilometers of the proposed mall. Why would you allow another mall to be built? Lansdowne is never busy. And if memory serves me correctly, before Great Canadian Superstore settled at their present location, they also wanted to build on the east side of Garden City Road but the city planners said they wanted to concentrate large retail stores along #3 Road. So Great Canadian Superstore located in the old Toyota plant on #3 Road. In my opinion this was a very good example of working with city planners and using an area that was already zoned for commercial. 2) This area was an urban forest until the developer preloaded it with sand. It can easily go back to being an urban forest with the removal of the sand and remediation work. The sand should not have been allowed to be dumped here until council had heard from the residents of Richmond on whether or not they wanted a mall here in the first place. 3) Wal-Mart refuses to work with the community and leave an important urban forest buffer along Alderbridge Way between Garden City Road and #4 Road. An urban forest buffer already exists along Alderbridge between #4 Road and Shell Road. 4) Wal-Mart has a terrible reputation for giving the consumer the cheapest product at the cheapest price at the expense of the environment and the worker. Please read the attached articles titled "Wal-Mart Accepted Clothing from Banned Bangladesh Factories" <http://www.propublica.org/article/walmart-accepted-clothing-from-banned-bangladesh-factories> and "Wal-Mart to Skip Discussion on Compensation for Bangladesh Factory Victims" http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/12/walmart-bangladesh_n_3912246.html . Here is an excellent article by Mayor Malcolm Brodie from the Richmond News titled, "Throw-away designs need tossing" <http://www.richmond-news.com/opinion/editorial/throw-away-designs-need-tossing-1.631703> It states that every year local governments in Canada spend 2.6 billion tax dollars managing 34 million tones of garbage. Wal-Mart is all about throw-away designs. Their merchandise does not last and ends up a year later in landfills. 5) I absolutely do not support the city of Richmond taking the responsibility off the Wal-Mart Mall developer's hands for buying Garden City Road lots to reduce the traffic congestion from the mall. Why would you make a decision that would put a Wal-Mart across from Richmond's greatest legacy, "The Garden City Lands"?

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